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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee  
SUBJECT : Economic COMINT Collection by NSA

1. I have followed with some interest your effort this spring to review the collection, processing, and reporting of economic COMINT, which was in direct response [redacted] 14 December 1973 memorandum to the DCI.

As I understand it, in late April, [redacted] forwarded your draft response to NSA, and that subsequently last month you led a delegation, including the National Intelligence Officer for Economics, to Fort Meade for a far ranging discussion of its conclusions and recommendations.

2. The DCI is now considering an Action Program for Economic Intelligence, setting forth a number of steps that will enhance the utility of intelligence in formulating US economic policies. Among these is one calling for you to "work closely with NSA to determine if NSA can make a greater contribution...especially with regard to its [redacted]". At the same time, the DCI has encouraged [redacted] NIO/Economics, to examine NSA's collection efforts so that he may advise [redacted] on the relative importance of his existing output and the potential importance of feasible products not now being produced by NSA. Therefore, I believe it is especially appropriate that you complete your exercise in a timely fashion.

3. Accordingly, I request that you work in close consultation with appropriate members of your committee and the NIO/Economics, and that you solicit pertinent emendations from [redacted] to your report. In addition, NSA may wish to examine several relevant topics that go beyond the scope of your study, including, but not limited to, an [redacted] and the impact of increasing traffic volumes from [redacted]. When you forward the revised report to the DCI as Chairman of IRAC, under whose aegis the study falls, you should stress (a)

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that it is less than a complete review of the gamut of resources devoted to this subject, and (b) that it would seem reasonable for your work to be the basis upon which Dr. [redacted] will undertake his further efforts. Presumably, then, you will coordinate your submission to the IRAC Chairman with him.

4. Your work will enable us to provide feedback to one of the community's key program managers on the usefulness of his activities. In this instance, you would be providing a singular service if you provided [redacted] and the DCI with a set of recommendations that in due course will enable them to grapple better with the trade-offs entailed in increasing free-world, political-economic requirements. At the same time, it would serve as an input to General Allen as he devises the National SIGINT Plan.

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(Signed)  
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SUBJECT : EIC Survey of Economic COMINT Collection  
for IRAC

We now have on the DCI's desk an Action Program for Economic Intelligence. It notes that IRAC will be tasked to recommend appropriate resource levels in the economic sphere. Additionally, it states the "EIC Chairman will work closely with NSA to determine if NSA can make a greater contribution in this field, especially with regard to its

[Redacted] Thus, I am forwarding for your information my memorandum of today to [Redacted] Chairman of the Economic Committee, which is self-explanatory. I hope that you and your people will work closely with [Redacted] so that we may all gain from their efforts.

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